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ReThinking our input at city hall

'Unreasonable.' Public consultations could be better for both city and the public at large

Have your say, the City of London says — but is it saying that in the right way?

There was a long night earlier this week for the planning and environment committee at city hall, with 19 items on the agenda. Seven were public participation meetings. It lasted more than six hours, and it's far from the longest meeting city hall has seen. That's got some people wondering if there could be a better way to reach out to the public. How much input is too much input?

"It's a difficult way of doing it," said Stephen Turner, a Ward 11 council candidate who was at the meeting.

Turner said public participation hearings can be intimidat-

ing. People have to go to city hall, often at an inconvenient time (the planning meeting started at 4 p.m.) and address a formal group. Even then, they might not get answers on whatever the topic is.

"There's no opportunity to have interaction with the people that they came to the meetings for," Turner added.

The city might have too much public participation, said Greg Thompson, chair of the Urban League of London. He wants more targeted consultation, where neighbourhood groups are asked to comment on city business that affects them but keeping the door open for others to join in, if they want.

Thompson compared it to "pre-consultation" discussions between developers and city staff.

Planning decisions could be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board, said planning chair Joni Baehler, who presided

over the meeting this week's meeting, so the city must be careful to give everyone a say.

The flipside, she said, is it's "unreasonable" to expect the public to sit at long meetings, late into the night. The city "can do it better," she said, and should reach out "in a multitude of ways," through newspapers, social media, posters, direct invitations and more.

All three said the city got public participation right with ReThink London, London's biggest consultation exercise.

It gave birth to the London Plan, and the public consultation continues Monday at the strategic priorities and policy committee.

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Still time to register

People can still register to speak, and already 15 people have signed up.



FOLKS OF THE ARTS FEST

Kingston couple/folk-pop duo Kris Abbott and Dee McNeil are among the new performers announced Wednesday for this year's Home County Music and Art Festival. They're part of a group of four married couples that will be sharing their music on one of the festival's workshop stages. More festival news on page 4. COURTESY OF GRAHAM POWELL

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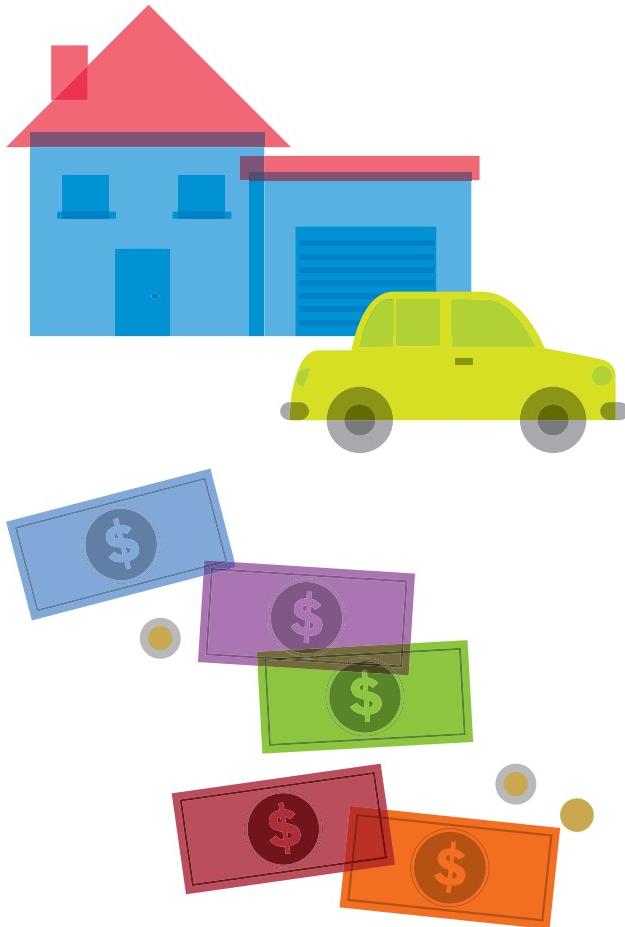
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Late summer

Council wants an earlier look at 2015 police budget

After a protracted and often acrimonious conflict over the 2014 police budget, city council is taking steps to ensure there's more time to study it next year.

The police budget has normally been delivered to council in October or November, but city treasurer Martin Hayward is recommending proposed police budgets for 2015 land at city hall before the end of summer.

Hayward's proposal, which calls for submitting the force's capital budget by Aug. 1 and the operations budget by Aug. 31, will be tabled when council's strategic priorities and policy committee meets on Monday.

The move isn't necessarily targeting police, Chief Brad Duncan said. Others will soon be asked to do the same, he said.

"What they're doing is not just for us. You'll find as we move into 2016 that compliance will be across boards and commissions," Duncan noted. "I'm confident we'll be able to provide a (budget proposal) by September."

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Chief Brad Duncan, right, was talking personnel cuts at Wednesday's police services board meeting. Also pictured, from left, are deputy chiefs John Pare and Brent Shea. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Police cutting jobs amid budget crunch

Reductions. Positions being cut, but no outright layoffs



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Cuts are hitting the London Police Service to the tune of 11-1/2 paid positions, Chief Brad Duncan said Wednesday.

Six sworn officers and 5-1/2 civilian jobs are now either vacant or about to become so through attrition. No outright layoffs are planned.

Police board chair Michael Deeb said he's angry, while budget chair Paul Paolatto said he's outraged the situation has come to this. The reductions

are expected to occur throughout 2014-15 as officers and civilians retire or leave their jobs for other reasons.

The reductions are necessary, in part, after city council gave police about \$636,000 less than what the force needed in the 2014 budget, Duncan said.

"When we looked at predicting 2014 and 2015, it was clear there would be shortfalls and so we now have to look at human resources because that's some 93 per cent of our budget," Duncan said Wednesday.

He expects to save almost \$1 million through reductions in 2015. A further restructuring of police headquarters — eliminating overnight hours at reception, for example, would add about \$600,000 in savings.

Among the most contentious of the planned cuts is in family consultants/victim services.

Community advocates, including Women's Community House director Kate Wiggins, were disappointed in what they heard.

Duncan said it's one of 13 sectors across the board under review and that there will be a chance for the public to have a say on the issue.

"Let's wait until the end of the internal review, and then we'll have discussions going forward," he said.

As it stands today, one part-time position is open and won't be filled. One full-time employee is going to resign in August and that position won't immediately be filled.

Police cuts

- **Sworn officers:** One staff sergeant, one crime prevention, one secondary school resources, one school safety, and two crime analysts, whose positions will be filled by civilians. None are front-line officers.
- **Civilians:** Two clerical, one in fleet management, one fleet director and 1-1/2 in family consultants/victim services.
- **Some positions are already vacant and simply won't be filled.**

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Home County festival readies tribute to late artistic director

Big Kenny's Bluegrass Bonanza. Successor says not honouring him now would be 'criminal'

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A tribute to former artistic director Ken Palmer will highlight the 41st edition of the Home County Music and Art Festival.

Palmer died in October after contracting pneumonia following a heart transplant at University Hospital. The London Music Hall of Famer with the Dixie Flyers bluegrass band was 65 years old.

The Palmer tribute, entitled Big Kenny's Bluegrass Bonanza, will take place July 19 on the main stage. Friends of Palmer will be led by Blair Heddle and include Bert Baumbach, Brian Abbey, Paul Hurdle, Nora Galloway and others.



"For all he contributed to the festival, it would be criminal to not honour him this year," current Home County artistic director Darrin Addison said. "(His hall-of-fame induction) was done while he was still with us, so I am glad that we were able to do that."

Palmer was the artistic director for 15 years, beginning in 1990, when it was known as the Home County Folk Festival. The former CBC radio host and record retail outlet operator was inducted into the hall of fame in 2013.

Along with the big tribute, a healthy crop of new musicians have been added to the festival, which runs July 18 to 20 at Victoria Park.

New additions include aboriginal group The Naahii Singers; local blues artists Doug Varty and Chuckee Zehr as well as the Kingstone duo Kris+Dee; local songwriters Jim McGinley (accompanied by Tara Dunphy of The Rizdales) and Grey Kingdom (a.k.a. Spencer Burton).

Experts applaud city's economic development efforts



Kapil Lakhota, interim general manager of the London Economic Development Corp. METRO FILE

Economic development? You're doing it right.

That's what experts in the field have told the City of London after council raised concerns last summer about its different organizations and how they work together to foster business development.

The review by consultants KPMG, which goes to city hall's strategic priorities and policy committee on Monday, does include some recommendations, including the need for a formal, city-wide strategy.

The man who leads the London Economic Development

Corporation was happy with the outcome.

"It's always useful for any organization to get an external assessment of what's working and what's not," said interim general manager Kapil Lakhota.

"We welcome the recommendations that the KPMG review has noted and look forward to working with the city to implement some of the recommendations."

The biggest endorsement in the report is for the LEDC itself.

The consultants said it should continue in its current

role of helping job creation in London, as part of the wider approach that also includes the city and specialist organizations such as Tech Alliance and the Small Business Centre.

But KPMG said the city should ensure everyone works together well, asking the LEDC to report to the city on that annually.

Crucially, and despite repeated comments by some councillors, the review didn't find "significant redundancies or overlaps in service" between the organizations.

MIKE DONACHE/METRO

Council questions

The review of the city's approach to economic development started after a request by council in June 2013.

- Council members, including Mayor Joe Fontana, said they wanted to be sure the city was spending wisely and that all its organizations were working together well.

Dieu Chau

Londoner still in custody over girls' alleged abduction, sexual assault

A London man accused of abducting two young girls and sexually assaulting one of them will remain in custody until at least next week.

Dieu Chau, 44, appeared in court via video Wednesday

day for what was supposed to be a bail hearing. The case has been put over until Tuesday.

It's alleged Chau picked up the girls, 9 and 11, in his car in the area of Southdale Road and Adelaide Street at about 7:30 p.m. on May 24.

He drove them to Storybook Gardens and a fast-food restaurant, then dropped one girl off, police said. After that, it's alleged the other girl was assaulted. METRO

Discover Argyle Day

Forget what you think you know about Argyle

People can get to know a little bit about Argyle on Saturday during what's been appropriately dubbed Discover Argyle Day.

The event will take place at the East London Branch Library (2016 Dundas St.),

with a focus on sharing information about services and resources available in the Argyle neighbourhood.

Thirty community groups are expected to be on hand, including representatives from city departments, people from Ontario Early Years Centres, YMCA Child Care and London InterCommunity Health Centre.

It runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. METRO

Fighting violations

Guidelines aim to ensure rights of mentally ill

The Ontario Human Rights Commission released a set of guidelines Wednesday on how to best handle human-rights issues related to the mentally ill.

The guidelines offer those dealing with mental

illness, as well as their employers, landlords and other service providers "user-friendly" advice on how to best identify and combat rights violations.

People dealing with mental-health issues are guaranteed equal rights and opportunities under Ontario's Human Rights Code, but the commission said many still face "discrimination, stigma and social exclusion." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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It's official. Hudak will end reign as Ontario's PC leader on July 2

Tim Hudak will officially step down as leader of Ontario's Progressive Conservatives on July 2, the day the legislature returns under a Liberal majority government.

The Canadian Press has learned Hudak sent a letter to Tory caucus members Wednesday announcing he would step down for the good of the party and the good of his family.

The Conservatives lost nine seats in last week's election, and some of those who were re-elected complained at a caucus meeting Monday that they wanted Hudak to leave immediately.

However, a party insider said a "significant portion" of the caucus wanted Hudak to stay on for up to a year while a new leader was selected, and he didn't want to stick around that long.

Hudak's chief of staff, Ian Robertson, said some in caucus want to "moderate" the Conservatives' message about



Tim Hudak THE CANADIAN PRESS

the urgent need for fiscal restraint because of the \$12.5 billion deficit and record debt, but Hudak disagreed with that approach.

After he lost the election last Thursday, Hudak announced he would not lead the Conservatives into the next election, but would remain the MPP for Niagara West-Glanbrook. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Queen's Park

Ontarians can expect revamped cabinet: Premier

Premier Kathleen Wynne is promising a revamped cabinet when she returns to Queen's Park, armed with a majority mandate.

"People will find out in the next week or so. I have a lot of talented people in my caucus," she said in her first interview since Thursday's election win. "There may be some changes within and you may see some new people in."

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Openly gay

Wynne opens up about acceptance

Kathleen Wynne spoke publicly Wednesday about how accepting Ontario voters were in electing Canada's first openly gay premier.

Speaking with Matt Galloway on CBC Radio's Metro Morning on Wednesday, Wynne was asked how it felt to shatter such a barrier and be a pioneer at the helm of any government in a Commonwealth jurisdiction. "Isn't that wonderful? It's wonderful," she said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

And the cheese stands alone ...

Young Entrepreneur Award. Cheesemaker takes home \$100K prize in national contest



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A Woodstock cheesemaker is the winner of the 2014 BDC Young Entrepreneur Award's \$100,000 grand prize.

Canadian voters were swayed by Shep Ysselstein, 31, and his plan to take his Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese to the next level by adding more aging rooms — and creating jobs.

He was told he'd won last Thursday, but Ysselstein said he was sworn to secrecy by organizers of the contest until the official announcement was made Wednesday morning.

He couldn't even tell his wife. "It was exciting to know I won," he said, "but I didn't have anyone to celebrate with. It's a lot more fun having other people in on it, too."

Good cheese needs to be stored and aged before it can be enjoyed.

Ysselstein's project involves the construction of a 2,000-square-foot, climate-controlled curing and aging extension to his existing 1,500-square-foot building. The expansion will allow him to double his annual cheese production to 60,000 kilograms.

It also means a few more employees from the Wood-



Shep Ysselstein is planning a big expansion at Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese after winning the 2014 BDC Young Entrepreneur Award. CONTRIBUTED

stock area and more business for his milk supplier.

"Quite literally, since we built the factory every contractor who's worked here has been from a 10-minute radius of the building," Ysselstein said. "We get great service that way; they're people we know and we're supporting our neighbours."

His products are now being sold in Ontario at select grocery stores, specialty-food

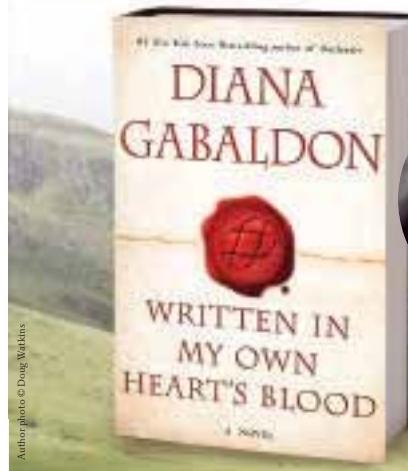
shops and farmers' markets, but he said demand is rising quickly for more.

Shortly after production

The competition

- Nine projects competed for Canada's votes in the BDC Young Entrepreneur Award contest.

- All of the finalists noted a turning point their company had reached, as well as their solution for achieving future growth.



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Will Mercier describes the flooding of his home in Claresholm, Alta., Wednesday. People have been moved out of about 40 homes in Claresholm as rain falls and sewers back up. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Less flooding, more optimism in Alberta

Still treading water.

Most affected residents get to stay home after voluntary evacuation issued in one town

Improved rain and river forecasts Wednesday were lifting soggy spirits in southern Alberta where heavy rainfall and swollen rivers had residents worried about evacuations and damage to their homes.

"The rain is lightening, the infrastructure is catching up to the excessive flows," said Rob Steel, mayor of

Claresholm, where a voluntary evacuation centre had already been set up.

"If it stays like this, it'll just get better and better as each hour goes by."

Lethbridge Mayor Chris Spearman said concerns were eased when lighter rainfall lowered peak forecasts for the Oldman River, which runs through his city.

"Things are looking much better," he said. "To our relief, the rainfall upstream wasn't as severe as predicted overnight so the provincial river flow forecast has improved significantly."

The same forecast was welcome news in Medicine Hat,

where Alberta Environment was predicting peak flows on the South Saskatchewan River at 2,400 cubic metres per second — less than half the original figure.

But things could change.

"We're still very concerned because there's a heavy rainfall warning in effect and (by) what we see on the weather radar," Steel said, "this is still a very dynamic situation."

Claresholm has no nearby river. The nearest waterway, Willow Creek, is at least five kilometres from the townsite.

Even if the flooding is ending, the mess it leaves behind will be significant.

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'Turn now!'

Man cited for spot check warning

A suburban Cleveland man says police violated his First Amendment rights to free speech when they cited him for holding a sign warning motorists to turn if they wanted to avoid a DUI checkpoint.

Douglas Odolecki, 43, warned motorists with the sign Friday night in Parma that said: "Check point ahead! Turn now!"

Parma police spokesman Kevin Riley said officers cited Odolecki after he refused to remove the "Turn now!" portion of the sign.

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'Above the clouds'. Teen who travelled in plane's wheel well speaks out

Epic getaway

"It was above the clouds, I could see through the little holes." Yahya Abdi, 15

A Somali-born teenager who survived a flight to Hawaii as a stowaway in the plane's wheel well said he hopped on the closest flight that was going west in an effort to find his birth mom and can't believe he survived the journey.

Yahya Abdi, 15, spoke over Google Chat to KPIX-5 in his first public comments since his improbable survival during the 5 1/2-hour flight from San Jose to Maui in April. The interview was reported on Tuesday night.

Abdi, a Somali immigrant, ran away from his California home and hopped a fence at

Mineta San Jose International Airport. He crouched down in the wheel well of the Hawaiian Airlines flight and remembers covering his ears as the plane took off, he said.

The teen said he got on board because he didn't want to live with his stepmom.

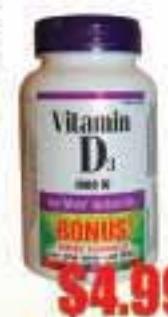
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Redskins trademark revoked

The U.S. Patent Office ruled Wednesday that the Washington Redskins nickname is "disparaging of Native Americans" and that the team's federal trademarks for the name must be cancelled.

The 2-1 ruling comes after a campaign to change the name gained momentum over the past year. The team doesn't immediately lose trademark protection and is allowed to retain it during a

likely appeal.

Redskins owner Dan Snyder has refused to change the team's name, citing tradition, but there has been growing pressure, including statements in recent months from U.S. President Barack Obama, lawmakers and civil rights groups.

The decision means that the team can continue to use the Redskins name, but it would lose a significant portion of its ability to protect the financial interests connected to its use. If others printed the name on sweatshirts, apparel or other team material, it becomes more difficult to go after groups who use it without permission.

The case involves six registered trademarks that involve the use of the word Redskins, but it does not apply to the team's logo.

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A 'miracle' no one hurt,

'Moving forward.'

Mayor of Essa Township says around 100 homes in Angus, Ont., were damaged after twister touched down Tuesday

The mayor of a central Ontario community says it's a miracle no one was hurt when a tornado ripped through the area Tuesday.

Essa Township Mayor Terry Dowdall said about 100 homes were damaged in Angus, which is located in the township.

Dowdall, who joined emergency officials Wednesday morning to give an update on the situation, said he has never seen such destruction in the community.

"Weather seems to be changing, I think, in the province of Ontario," he said. "But I've never seen, and basically no one's seen, devastation quite like this."

The tornado blew out windows, tore up fences and sheared off the tops of some homes when it hit at about 5:30 p.m. but caused no serious injuries.

"I think it was the right time of day," said Essa Fire Chief Cynthia Tustin, calling it an "amazing

piece of timing."

"People weren't asleep ... people were up and people were able to be aware of what's going on," she said. "It was really a miracle that nobody was hurt at that time of day," added Dowdall.

Provincial police Const. Kelly Daniels said the priority now is to ensure homes are safe enough for people to go back inside and retrieve needed personal items like medication.

She says residents who have been displaced from their homes will be escorted by police and fire officials when they go inside and it will be done home by home.

"Now that we know everyone is safe, our job is to protect their property," said Daniels.

Emergency officials also planned holding a meeting with residents Wednesday afternoon at the Angus recreation centre to discuss what happens next.

"We're moving forward, we have a new day and a new plan," said Dowdall, adding building officials would immediately begin assessing properties.

He said efforts would be made to get people back into their homes as quickly as possible but the top priority would be to ensure the buildings are safe first.

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a tornado touched down in Angus, Ont. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

tornado left officials say



Backyards in Angus, Ont., are shown on Tuesday. Scan the photo with your Metro News app for a gallery of damage caused by Tuesday's twister. GREG FACHINI/THE CANADIAN PRESS

180 km/h winds

Assessing the severity of the damage

Environment Canada says preliminary estimates suggest the tornado that struck Angus was

an EF-2 with estimated wind speeds near 180 km/h. The scale ranges from EF-0 to EF-5.

A survey team was to return to the area Wednesday to further assess the nature and severity of the damage from Angus to Barrie, the weather agency said.

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Ottawa

Police, paramedics injured in training exercise explosion

Two paramedics were seriously injured while two Ottawa police officers sustained minor injuries Wednesday during a training exercise that involved the use of explosives to practise forced-entry techniques, police say.

The officers and paramed-

ics were part of an exercise using explosives to force their way into an abandoned residence when the accident occurred, Ottawa police Chief Charles Bordeleau told a news conference.

A third paramedic also sustained minor injuries, Bordeleau said. All five victims were immediately transported to hospital.

"Their injuries are serious in nature, but I am told they will recover," Bordeleau said.

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The longest yard

Michigan prison drug-smuggling pass gets fumbled

Michigan authorities say a man tried to throw a football loaded with drugs and cellphones into the yard of a state prison.

State Trooper Toby Baker says Sunday's throw in Jackson fell short, with the football landing between two

fences, not in the yard where prisoners exercise.

An officer at the G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility saw the man throw the football, and officers arrested the suspect.

Reports say the ball contained heroin, marijuana, tobacco and three cellphones.

Christen D. Moore, 22, was arraigned Tuesday in Jackson District Court on contraband charges. His probable-cause hearing is June 30.

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Will Amazon blaze a new path with the Fire phone?

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CEO Jeff Bezos unveils the phone in Seattle

Amazon has introduced a new smartphone with audio and object recognition technology that seeks to make it easier for consumers to locate and purchase products and services from America's largest e-commerce company.

Specs and features:

- The phone is smaller than leading Android phones, but larger than Apple's iPhone. CEO Jeff Bezos calls the screen, measuring 4.7 inches diagonally, ideal for one-handed use.
- The new Fire phone also adds such features as the ability to render images in 3D. You can rotate the phone and get a different

view depending on your angle of vision. Bezos calls this "dynamic perspective" and said the phone is basically redrawing the image 60 times per second.

- The Fire phone will bring features found in other Amazon devices, such as X-Ray for supplemental content and Mayday for live tech support. There's also access to ebooks, which members can borrow with Amazon's \$99 US-a-year Prime program.

• Firefly is the centrepiece of the new phone. Snap a photo of a book, and it'll help you buy it, either as an ebook or a physical copy. Listen to a song playing in the background, and it'll direct you to that tune on Amazon. It can even direct you to facts and data, by showing a Wikipedia entry with information about a

painting you snapped. The feature will also let you snap bar codes, phone numbers and more.

Availability:

- The phone will be available July 25 in the U.S. exclusively through AT&T. People can start ordering it Wednesday.
- Prices are comparable to those of other leading high-end phones, but the Fire will have double the storage. It will cost \$200 for a base model with 32 gigabytes and \$300 for 64 gigabytes. Both require two-year service contracts. Without contracts, they will cost \$650 and \$750.

Not a first:

- Facebook once tried to release a phone tied to its services. The HTC First, released in April 2013, came with Facebook's Home

software, which takes over the phone's front screen to present status updates, messages and other content. Both the phone and the software flopped.

- Google also has its own phones under the Nexus brand, mostly to showcase its Android operating system. Google makes Android available for free for any phone manufacturer to use and modify. That makes it difficult to know what's really Android and what's a modification.

The backdrop:

- Amazon.com Inc. got its start in books and soon moved into music, video, devices and more. Analysts believe the goal of an Amazon-branded smartphone is to get customers to buy more things from the nation's largest e-commerce company. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos introduces the new Amazon Fire phone on Wednesday in Seattle. **TED S. WARREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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DON'T HATE SOCCER BECAUSE IT'S BEAUTIFUL

Why do some people hate soccer so much? As the World Cup unfolds with the impressive array of Google doodles it's known for, people from all over the world are crowding around TVs in colourful cloths to cheer on The Beautiful Game. But as Pantene taught us in the '80s, sometimes people hate you because you're beautiful, despite your protestations.

Soccer is wildly popular in my city (Toronto), but my Facebook feed, Internet comment boards and the occasional overheard conversation show me that people who don't like soccer feel deeply about it in a way usually reserved for heated emotional topics: abortion, euthanasia, Nickelback.

Soccer fandom isn't mandatory, but the need of many Canadians to loudly let you know how much they hate the game strikes me as over the top — the equivalent of a player who grabs his shin and plummets to the ground, face contorted, like he stumbled upon a particularly strong pocket of gravity. Check any Internet forum. You'll see people write under soccer stories about how much they hate soc-



HE SAYS
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cer, often in dismissive, angry terms.

Reading Internet comments is like wilfully exposing yourself to radiation, but here's a real quote I dug up in about 18 seconds of research (lost some hair, but I'll be okay): "Ahhh Soccer the sport of choice for the 3rd world and poor un-washed masses."

Good point, anonymous dude, but I for one think it's nice the Dutch, Australians and Japanese have a game to distract them from the squalor of their failed nations.

Soccer is Canada's most widely played sport, so if you consider "foreign" a detriment then you'd best avoid lasagna, too. Of course, many online soccer detractors are the same people who write under every news story about how multiculturalism is a failure because 100 per cent of the people in their parents' basement are white males. Consider the source.

But it's not just the xenophobic online crazies who give soccer a rough ride. I've seen two World Cup games in public so far, and both times, one guy, apparently dragged there by friends, felt

compelled to let others know mid-game that hockey is better, as if one couldn't be a fan of both sports simultaneously. Despite the low scores, soccer doesn't need to be a zero-sum game.

The complaint from hockey fans is almost always the same: Hockey players are tougher than soccer players because soccer players dive a lot and then there's a hilarious joke about a diving team. And, fine, there is too much diving. But it's just cheating that exists in all sports. It doesn't excuse it, but it's universal.

I've heard people ask why it's allowed to continue with the frequency it does — "Aren't they embarrassed?" — but many baseball fans absolve successful players of their steroid use faster than it takes Big Papi to run the bases.

Not in honour-bound hockey? Well, there's the whole cheating thing where players bruise each other's brains and occasionally crack a vertebrae or two by smashing into their heads from behind at 40 km/h. At least in soccer's cheating, nobody gets hurt, quite literally.

So whether you're a soccer fan or not, let's live and let live. It's a game the whole world loves, and that's a beautiful thing. And if anything should tear us asunder, let us unite in our hatred of Nickelback. Olé, Olé, Olé!

ZOOM

iImages of the year



Felicia Pandola, from Providence, R.I., took the nature category by storm, so to speak, with this foreboding beach pic. ALL IMAGES COURTESY IPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Photogs win bars of gold for iPhone pics

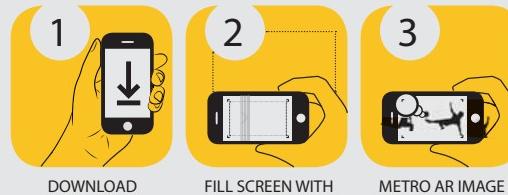
As all your brilliant selfies have no doubt already shown you, you don't need a fancy camera to take great shots. The iPhone Photography Awards, running annually since 2007, showcase the best images taken with, and edited on, an iPhone, iPod or iPad. This year's winning entries were submitted by 54 photographers from 17 countries. And they weren't just competing for the glory: Each first-place winner, aided by their trusty Apple device, received a gold bar from a private mint. Can your DSLR do that? METRO



Michael O'Neal said he pulled out both his DSLR and iPhone when he encountered this guy at Colter Bay Beach in Wyoming, but the iPhone shots trumped the "real" camera ones. He won for the animal category.

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Here a duck, there a duck, everywhere a duck duck ...



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When the calendar flipped to 2014, it's nice to think that we all silently vowed to put the "Would you rather fight one horse-sized duck or 100 duck-sized horses" question to rest forever.

Sure, it's amusing and can provide rich territory for mining clever answers. But it really only carried as many uses as a razor blade. Plus, we have new video evidence of what a duck-sized horse stampede would look like. Suddenly, the choice is easy. (OK Go/YouTube)



GETTY IMAGES

Indie comes out from under ground with new CHRW show

Ready, Set, Radio!

So Young guitarist partners up with music blogger to spotlight latest jams



BACKSTAGE PASS

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It was the perfect timing for the two London-based indie music gurus to team up.

Music trivia night host and So Young guitarist Chris Martin has joined forces with Aaron McMillan, creator of the Indie Underground music blog and Wednesday night DJ at Call The Office, to create Ready, Set, Radio! The show is broadcast live on 94.9 CHRW-FM Radio every other Saturday from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

"We play lots of Canadian music but also notable international tracks. We will try and showcase deserving bands that are either from London or who are just gigging here," says McMillan, who was recently chosen by the city to be a part of London's Music Industry Development task force.

The mega blogger had been thinking of starting a radio show of his own, and Martin (former co-host of the CHRW shows Feel Good Frequency and WolfWizard Radio) was about to lose a partner, so it was only natural for the two long-time friends to start talking shop on air.

"I like that our show is a lot more honest and organic than the normal overproduced radio



Aaron McMillan, left, and Chris Martin are hosts of the new CHRW show Ready, Set, Radio! CONTRIBUTED

shows that just all sound the same," says Martin. "Aaron and I don't rehearse our conversations beforehand. Everything that happens on air is just us hanging out and talking as we normally would."

"Aaron does so much research and knows much more about new music than anyone I know. I learn a lot during each episode, and I try to introduce him to stuff I like as well."

For McMillan, who works part time as a graphic designer, the radio show is just one more outlet to share his love of indie music.

"The opportunity to work on Western's campus, connecting with other musically passionate individuals who live, eat and breath indie music is inspiring to me," McMillan says about broadcasting on CHRW.

For Martin, "it's a very selfish endeavour."

"I'm a bit of a control freak when it comes to music. I'm always the guy who wants to choose what music is playing at a party," he says. "So this is my only opportunity to control what music gets played over the airwaves, which is a really

powerful feeling."

Right now, some of the duo's top picks for bands to let rip over the airwaves include Jagwar Ma, Temples, Parov Stelar and Sebastien Grainger, as

well as local bands New Zebra Kid, Wolf Saga, Ivory Hours and Wormwood.

You can stream Ready, Set, Radio! online at chrwradio.ca/stream.

Around town

Recommended by the hosts of Ready, Set, Radio! Tune in to WolfWizard Radio (Thursday from 9 to 11 p.m.) and The Wild Vibes (Saturday from 9:30 to 11 a.m.) on CHRW airwaves.

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Melanie Griffith

Griffith proves a little cover up goes a long way in helping hide her past

If her arm is any indication, Melanie Griffith was apparently serious when she filed for divorce from husband Antonio Banderas after 17 years of marriage.

Griffith has a tattoo of a heart with the name "Antonio" in the middle just

below her shoulder, but when the actress showed up at the Taormina Film Festival in Italy she applied heavy makeup to cover up the name, according to Getty Images. The heart surrounding the name was still visible, though, but with a big hole in it.

Mel Gibson giving a cold shoulder to eastern European women

Mel Gibson's bitter legal battle with ex Oksana Grigorieva has apparently soured him on Russian and Ukrainian women in general.

"He doesn't communicate with Ukrainian or Russian girls anymore. If Mel knows you're from there, he kind of just turns around and leaves," actress Natalie Burn, who plays Gibson's wife in *Expendables 3*, says, according to Star magazine. And that became a problem, because Burn herself was born in the Ukraine. "The producer was very nice, and he advised me not to tell him,"



Mel Gibson

she says, explaining that when Gibson asked if she was Brazilian she replied with, "Yeah, that works."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

More Head-ey games from GOT star

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Lena Headey is a monster. I don't mean that her Game of Thrones character, Cersei Lannister, is a monster, though that's true. I mean that she herself is a stone cold sociopath. She's toying with GOT fans and she doesn't even feel bad about it.

Headey appeared on *Jimmy Kimmel Live* wearing a shirt that says "I'm not sorry," surrounded by a heart. It's a clear reference to her Instagram head games, and she should be sorry, because she's driving people to madness.

Her Instagram has been alarming GOT fans' delicate spoiler radar for some time now. Three months ago she posted a picture of herself fooling around with her costar Pedro Pascal, who played Oberyn Martell — specifically, a picture in which she's got her thumbs over his eye sockets. Of course, as we've since learned, Oberyn got his head crushed by the Mountain, which makes Headey's skull-mauling photo a spoiler.

Two months ago, Headey posted another seemingly spoilerific photo: A bunch of rocks arranged into the shape of a heart, captioned "my stone heart." Fans of the books know that a character



Katy Perry

Katy and Rob sitting in a tree, K.I.S.S.I.N.G

Robert Pattinson and Katy Perry were reportedly "all over each other" after the L.A. premiere of his new film, *The Rover*, according to *Us Weekly*.

"When Rob saw Katy his eyes lit up. She looked gorgeous in a lace sequin black mini-dress, and they hugged and kissed," a source says. "At least 10 hotties were hovering

around Rob, but his focus was on Katy. He kept kissing her the entire night. When Katy got up from a sofa that was in front of a fireplace, Robert walked over to her. They kissed and hugged again. They were clearly trying to stay under the radar, but they couldn't help showing their feelings."



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The nice guy with neckties

Ralph Lauren. As the designer is honoured by the Smithsonian for his work, he reflects on his journey to the top

He's a designer who has gone from selling ties from a drawer at the Empire State Building in 1967 to running a corporation with 25,000 employees.

Ralph Lauren was honoured Tuesday by the Smithsonian Institution for his career and to mark the 200th anniversary of the original flag that inspired the writing of the U.S. national anthem.

Lauren was awarded the James Smithson Bicentennial Medal "for his embodiment of the American experience" and for "supporting artistry, creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship for more than five decades."

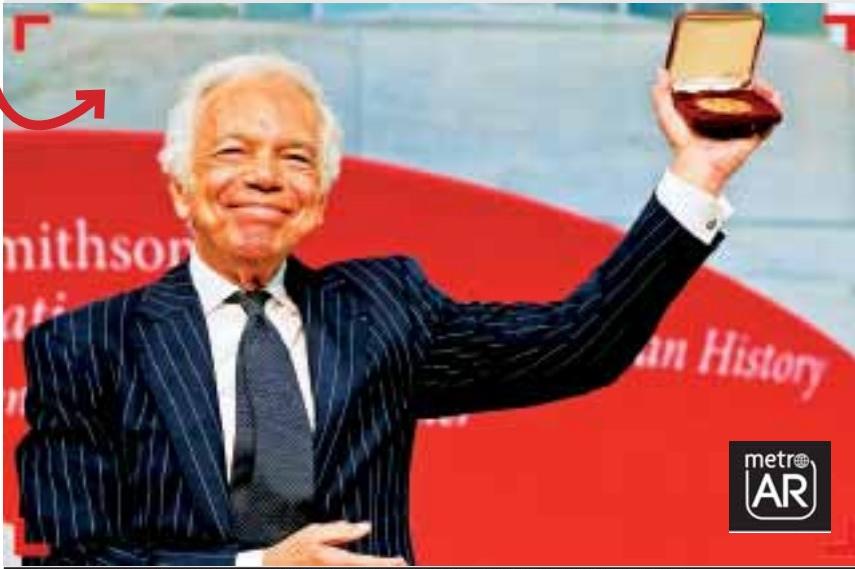
Lauren sat down with media to discuss his five decades in fashion.

What drew you into the world of fashion originally?

Luck. No, you know I never went to fashion school. I somehow was a young guy, grew up in the Bronx and... I don't know how I can put it together, whether it's movies or it's being in a world where you can read books and go to movies and dream.

Also being the youngest child in the family and getting all hand-me-downs and sort of saying, 'Wait a minute, I want my own clothes.'

So when your parents are not able to afford the kind of clothes (I wanted) as a kid growing up, I had to work myself and earn my way and buy my own things. I just



Ralph Lauren celebrated five decades of fashion on Tuesday with a celebration by the Smithsonian. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

wanted to look like one of the guys and have the girls look at me.

What does this award from the Smithsonian mean to you?

It's probably the greatest honour one could have. The honour is mine to give to them because I'm part of this country.

What do you consider your career highlights?

I started with neckties, which are a very small thing and people aren't even wearing them today. Neckties helped start my career. When a man wore a tie, it had to make a statement.

I think every time I created a new brand, from men's to women's to children to home, they were interesting elements.

My clothes are not about fashion. They're about living.

Quoted

"I started with neckties, which are a very small thing and people aren't even wearing them today. Neckties helped start my career."

Ralph Lauren

They're about how you live and how you want to live. And they're not about in-and-out fashion that's trendy or the hot news of the day. I think most people want stability. They want to feel that if they go out and buy something, they want good quality, good value for their money. They don't want to spend it frivolously and find that it's out of style.

How do you define your philosophy of fashion?

I can say that I'm about style, not fashion. I'm about timeless style, about quality, and that doesn't mean it has to be

boring.

That means it's something that continues on because I don't throw out my clothes. The suit that I'm wearing is an old suit. I didn't just make this suit. I like the familiarity in a way because it's mine... People say, 'I've worn your clothes for years and my child loves your clothes, my little girl loves your clothes.' I've been very connected to the people out there that buy my things and who appreciate it.

And sometimes they stop and say it, so that's very nice.

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You may have a dozen little black dresses but do you have enough little white dresses? Go online to Trends Report to see how some of your favourite celebs are styling the 'LWD' on the red carpet, and brighten up your wardrobe this summer.

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Trendsetting brass is back and looks ship-regal when paired with bright white and navy blue. Hang from tree branches or use to create a nautical table centrepiece. Outdoor brass candle lanterns from \$129, Homesense.ca



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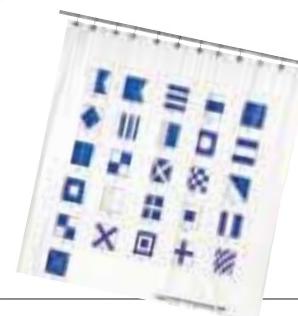


In the navy

Bright white porcelain banded with navy creates a classic summer table setting. Roulette Blue Band Dinnerware, 16 pieces, \$175. CrateAndBarrel.com

The A, B of seas

Scrub up while learning the international maritime flag alphabet. Heavy-gauge 100 per cent PEVA curtain with nickel-plated grommets. Signal Flag Shower Curtain, \$33, BedBathAndBeyond.ca



Pillow talk

A vintage nautical-inspired print for dreaming sailors. Sea Anchor Pillowcase, \$20, Simons.ca

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Home accessories

Could this be the robotic furniture of the future?

Modular furniture made with robotic components that can reshape itself according to users' desires could be a major home accessory of the future. Scientists at Switzerland's Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) have come up with Roombots, an adaptive mechanical furniture concept.

The pieces can move and change functionality endlessly. For example, stools that move around could meet other stools and form a bench, which could then become a table.

The modules change shape and move by rotating against one another, and gripping together or to flat surfaces via connectors.

"We hope that the Roombots module will be used for many applications, but one of the main ones we have in mind is assistive technology," says Auke Ijspeert of the school's Biorobotics Laboratory. **AFP**

Micro living. Furniture

Studio living is becoming increasingly common in urban areas, but how do you make 200 feet feel three times the size?

That was the question set by the MIT Media Lab when designing CityHome, a conceptual furniture unit that maximizes space and can be controlled with simple hand gestures.

Using built-in sensors, the unit can roll out a bed, a desk, a dining table and chairs for six people, and an extendable kitchen countertop. The entire unit can also be moved to alter

the space on either side of it.

Led by the Changing Places Research Group, the team has also integrated lighting systems controlled by apps into the piece, with customizable colour themes. Voice-recognition control technology has also been incorporated into the lighting design.

Although it remains primarily a research project for now rumour has it that designer Kent Larson is looking into making it a viable commercial product, so watch this (deceptively adaptable) space. **AFP**



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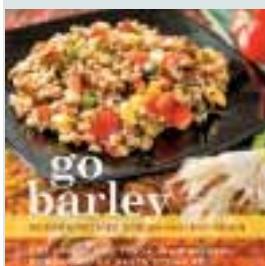
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Go Barley by Pat Inglis and Linda Whitworth shows readers how to transform their favourite dishes into nutritional powerhouses with the addition of the ancient grain. High in fibre, barley has been proven to lower cholesterol and promotes digestive health. Among the recipes in the book are: Barley Minestrone, Barley Tabouleh, Barley Banana Bread, and more. METRO

Backyard bites. This vegetarian burger is made with an ancient grain that will not only fill you up, but is good for you, too!

"Fire up the grill!" write Pat Inglis and Linda Whitworth in their book *Go Barley*.

These vegetarian barley burgers are simple and easy to make. Serve in buns and top with salsa or wasabi stirred into mayonnaise, as well as lettuce, sliced tomatoes, and onions.

You can also add a slice of cheese while browning the second side."

1. In a medium saucepan over high heat, combine barley and water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and cover pan; simmer for 45 to 50 minutes or until barley is tender. If necessary, drain any excess water. Spread in a shallow dish to cool.

Ingredients

- 1 cup (250 ml) pearl barley
- 3 cups (750 ml) water
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) canola oil, divided
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 1 small carrot, finely chopped
- 1/2 lb (250 g) mushrooms, chopped
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped parsley
- 1 tsp (5 ml) grated lemon rind
- 1 tsp (5 ml) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) pepper
- 2 cups (500 ml) fresh bread crumbs, divided

2. In skillet over medium-high, heat half of the oil. Add onion, garlic, and carrot; stir and cook for 3 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add mushrooms and cook until any liquid evaporates. Add parsley, lemon rind, salt, and pepper. Combine mixture with barley. Stir in 1/2 cup (125 ml) of the bread crumbs. Place in a food processor and process until mixture holds together but you can still see some of

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This recipe serves six. THE ALBERTA BARLEY COMMISSION (GOBARLEY.COM)

the barley.

crumbs.

3. On a plastic-wrap-lined tray or baking sheet, spoon mixture into 6 portions; shape into patties and coat with remaining bread

4. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the remaining oil and cook burgers 5 minutes per side or until browned and crisp. Alternately, heat the

barbecue to medium-high and generously spray the grill with oil. Barbecue for 5 minutes per side. EXCERPTED FROM *GO BARLEY* BY PAT INGLIS AND LINDA WHITWORTH (TOUCHWOOD, 2014). YOU CAN FIND THIS RECIPE AND MORE AT GOBARLEY.COM.



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Double Dutch

Netherlands edges Australia for second win

Memphis Depay scored a late clincher as Netherlands withstood Australia's unsettling challenge in a 3-2 comeback win Wednesday.

Arjen Robben and Robin Van Persie, who each scored twice in an earlier 5-1 win over Spain, added to their tallies before and after Australia's goals. Substitute Depay scored the winner in the 68th minute.

Spain's 2-0 loss to Chile later Wednesday, sent Chile and the Netherlands both to the knockout stage, regardless of who wins the game between them on Monday.

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Keeping hope alive

Croatia crushes 10-man Cameroon

Mario Mandzukic scored two goals Wednesday to keep Croatia in the mix at the World Cup with a 4-0 win over 10-man Cameroon, which can no longer advance from the group stage.

Mandzukic, who returned to the team after sitting out the opening loss to Brazil due to a suspension, headed in a corner from Danijel Pranjic in the 61st minute and then knocked in a rebound in the 73rd of the Group A game.

Ivan Perisic also scored one goal and made another for Ivica Olic.

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Spain's reign atop soccer world over

Defending champions eliminated from contention. Loss to Chile ensures no return trip to knockout stage

Defending champion Spain, the dominant global football power for the past six years, was eliminated from World Cup contention Wednesday with a 2-0 loss to Chile.

Spain's famed passing game failed against a high-tempo, tenacious Chile team, its era ending in the storied Maracana Stadium filled mostly with noisy Chilean supporters.

Eduardo Vargas tricked goalkeeper Iker Casillas into diving the wrong way, then shot into an unguarded goal in the 20th minute. Charles Aranguiz scored in the 43rd when the ball landed at his feet after Casillas punched out a free kick.

"I only ask fans for forgiveness, we did everything we could," said Casillas, who lifted the World Cup trophy four years ago.

Spain's second loss, after a 5-1 rout by the Netherlands, ended any hope of advancing. Chile and the Netherlands will both make it to the knockout stage out of Group B, regardless of who wins the game between them.

Spain won the European Championship in 2008 and 2012, in addition to the 2010



Sergio Busquets of Spain reacts after a missed scoring chance against Chile on Wednesday in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES



World Cup.

Perhaps the Euro 2012 final was the high point of the era:

A 4-0 dismantling of Italy on a similarly balmy evening in Kyiv, Ukraine

Spain came to Brazil with a very similar — but older — team to the one that won those titles. They added Brazilian-born striker Diego Costa, but he failed to score a goal and was substituted in both matches.

"We have no excuses," said Spain coach Vicente del Bosque. "We were too slow,

timid from the start today. It's a sad day for all of the players. Time to think about the future."

Spain became the third straight European defending World Cup champion to flop in the group stage. France in 2002 and Italy four years ago also failed to advance, or even win a match.

Spain will finish the tournament by playing Australia on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Majors manager rounds out starting rotation

London Majors manager Roop Chanderdat has now filled all his import positions and as expected, three of the four are starting pitchers.

Chanderdat completed his starting rotation Tuesday with the arrival of righthander Carlos Martinez, a 23-year-old who played two years in the Chicago Cubs' chain. The Cuban defector makes his home in Miami.

Martinez was 4-2 with the Boise Hawks in single-A baseball last season and was a perfect 5-0 in the 2012 rookie league in Arizona.

Majors schedule

Friday: vs. Kitchener, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday: vs. Brantford, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday: vs. Guelph, 1:05 p.m.

Chanderdat is counting on Martinez, fellow Cuban defector Deninys Suarez and Dominican Wandy Perez to stabilize the starting rotation. Suarez is 30 years old and Perez is 29.

"I've talked to our international scout, and we're looking to see if we can get (Mar-

tinez) to Mexico in the winter league this year," Chanderdat said.

Chanderdat has until June 28 to complete his 25-man roster.

"It's still a work in progress," he said.

Meanwhile, Chanderdat is still reeling from the sight of about 5,000 fans at Labatt park for Pack the Park promotion on Sunday afternoon.

He said the crowd was the biggest since Game 7 of the Intercounty Baseball League final against Brantford in 2008. DAVE LANGFORD/METRO

Evaluation camp

Team USA extends invite to McCarron

London Knights forward Michael McCarron has been invited to USA Hockey's national junior evaluation camp.

It's the second time the 19-year-old has received an invite. He'll join 41 other players vying for a spot on the national junior team to play in the 2015 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship Dec. 26 to Jan. 5. The evaluation camp runs Aug. 2 to 9 in Lake Placid, N.Y.

McCarron, a Macomb, Mich., native, is a Montreal Canadiens prospect. METRO

NHL

Ference wins King Clancy award

Oilers captain Andrew Ference has won the King Clancy Memorial Trophy for leadership and humanitarian contributions.

Ference has worked on behalf of the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation and other charitable organizations since signing with the team last summer.

The veteran defenceman, who brought the community fitness-oriented November Project to Edmonton from Boston, is the first Oilers player to win the King Clancy since Ethan Moreau in 2009.

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4 SPORTS

Brantford's David Hearn ready for elusive PGA victory

Three top-10 results.

Canuck feels he can 'put it all together' this season

Canada's David Hearn came achingly close to his first PGA Tour victory last season.

He's had three top-10 results this season and feels ready to put it all together and finally hoist a trophy at the top level.

"I feel really close," Hearn said Wednesday. "I got really close last year at the John Deere (Classic) just before the Canadian Open. I'm a little bit surprised it's taken me quite as long to get back into contention."

"But I feel like everything is right where it needs to be



Canada's David Hearn
GETTY IMAGES

to have a week where I know I could put it all together. I've improved a lot of little areas of my game and I feel like my

game is consistently better."

Hearn's best career finish came at the 2013 John Deere Classic. He was tied with Jordan Spieth and Zach Johnson after regulation but Spieth took the title by hitting a par putt on the fifth playoff hole.

The 35-year-old from Brantford, Ont., is enjoying a short break before ramping things up in July. He plans to play at The Greenbrier Classic early next month before returning to the John Deere Classic.

Entry in the British Open remains a question mark for now but Hearn is locked in for the July 24-27 RBC Canadian Open at the Royal Montreal Golf Club. He has yet to play the Île-Bizard, Que., course but feels his game should be a good fit for the old-style, tree-lined layout. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Royals carry on epic streak

The Kansas City Royals' Omar Infante rounds the bases after hitting a solo home run against the Tigers during the fifth inning on Wednesday in Detroit. The Royals won their 10th straight, extending the team's best streak in 20 years with a 2-1 victory over the Tigers. **NOAH TRISTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Nigeria

Bomb blast kills 14 watching World Cup on TV

Survivors of a bomb blast at an illegal World Cup viewing site in northeast Nigeria that killed at least 14 people said Wednesday the force of the explosion blew off limbs and knocked people senseless.

Unrelated to the attack, police said security forces arrested nearly 500 people, including a "terror kingpin" in the southeast of the country.

At least 26 people were wounded in Tuesday night's blast as soccer fans were viewing the Brazil-Mexico match in Damaturu, the capital of Yobe state, police said.

"The bomb just threw me and I didn't even know where I was," survivor Babagana Mohammed said. He recovered consciousness in the hospital.

FIFA offered "sincerest condolences to the victims' families and friends." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Everyone thinks you're a star so why are you being so negative about your prospects? Step outside yourself today and see how you look through other people's eyes.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

There is no point cursing fate if what happens today is not to your liking. In the long-term everything will come good, so never doubt that no matter what happens, you will be stronger for it.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You pride yourself on being rational but with Mercury, your ruler, moving retrograde not every thought you have will be based on reason. Don't be too stubborn. There are times when it's OK to change your mind.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

An offer will tempt you but can you be sure it is genuine? According to the planets you have reason to be suspicious, so take care when dealing with people who promise you the world for a small investment.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

People will be moody today, which in turn will annoy you. Before the situation spirals out of control remind yourself that in the greater scheme of things it's of little importance.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

A relationship will come under pressure today and if you say the wrong thing it may even end. Tomorrow you will regret having been so outspoken but it needed to happen.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You are at a crossroads as far as a creative project is concerned. Do you carry on with it or do give up and focus your energy in a new direction? Give it some serious thought.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Make sure you get your chores out of the way as quickly as possible over the next 24 hours. If you let what should have been done today wait until tomorrow you will fall behind and may never catch up.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

It is vital that you deal with an outstanding feud immediately because if you allow it to linger it will hold you back and that could be disastrous.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If you aren't in the mood to work today, don't push yourself. Even if you force yourself to do what is expected of you it's unlikely you'll do a good job of it, so wait until you are in a more positive frame of mind.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

What are you waiting for? Something is holding you back from taking risks and that's a shame because the planets suggest that if you take a chance today it could pay off in a big way. Do you dare?

Pisces

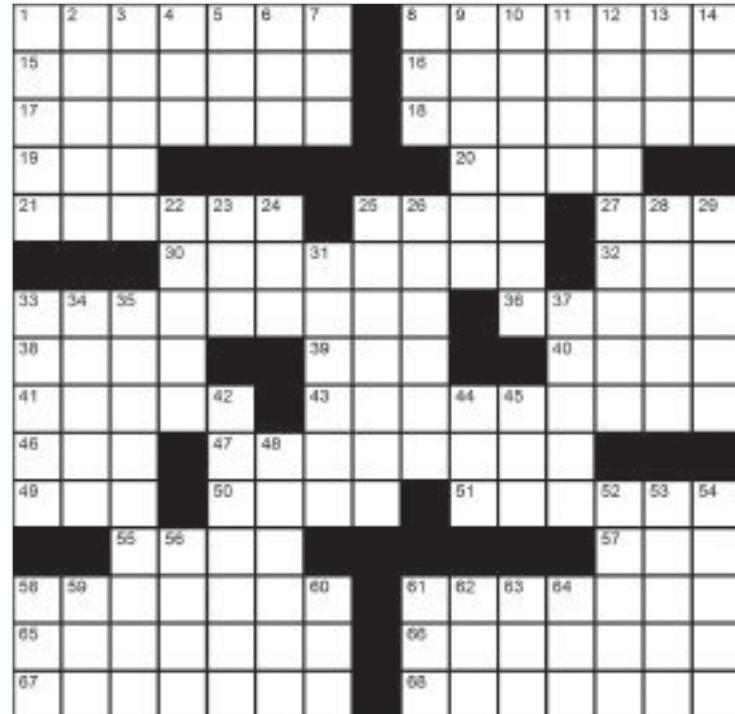
Feb. 20 - March 20

You are worrying about things you have no way of changing. According to the planets what you fear the most is the one thing that is least likely to happen, so be brave and go on the attack. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Halifax pita specialties
8. Oscar Peterson tune about a Montreal locale: "Place ____."
15. Seasoning sort
16. Sunglasses and spectacles
17. Lake Ontario archipelago-by-the-city, Toronto ____
18. Stretches out
19. First word in Inferno by Dante
20. Long times
21. John Travolta movie
25. Prefix to 'dextrous'
27. Got the parcel, briefly
30. "Elvira: ___ of the Dark" (1988)
32. Have a bug
33. Ron Sexsmith song about his St. Catharines, ON hometown: "___ Street"; or, Pen name J.K. Rowling uses for her new crime novel The Silkworm, Robert ____
36. Nero's 1406
38. Actor Mr. Jannings
39. Hr. part
40. Geese: French
41. Juliet's beloved
43. "Chopped Canada" host Dean
46. Regret
47. Roof window
49. 12 mo. periods

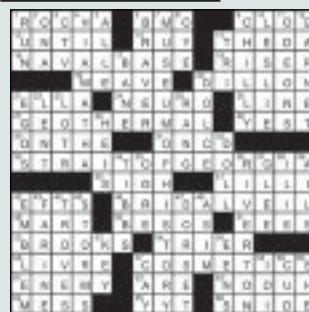


50. Foundation
51. Sisters: French
55. Norse thunder god
57. Egg mass
58. Taken aback
61. Kirkland Lake, ON: ___ & South Mine Complex
65. Ms. Judd
66. Strange
67. Most profound
68. Claude ___ (French composer, b.1862 - d.1918)

Down

1. Faring
2. Canadian figure skating great Brian
3. Portia's "Ally McBeal" character
4. Turkish title [var. sp.]
5. Sir McKellen
6. Boxing bout div.
7. Rihanna's "___ (Rescue Me)"
8. Ms. Hinton's
9. Easygoing people, e.g.: 2 wds.
10. Valour
11. Mr. McGregor

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	5	3	9	4	2	1	6	8
6	1	2	8	5	7	3	9	4
8	9	4	1	3	6	2	7	5
5	4	1	3	6	8	9	2	7
2	6	9	7	1	5	4	8	3
3	7	8	4	2	9	5	1	6
4	8	6	2	9	3	7	5	1
9	3	7	5	8	1	6	4	2
1	2	5	6	7	4	8	3	9



See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

- Pekka Salonen
24. The = Definite
26. Henna-on-hands artwork
28. Spotted cat-like mammal
29. "Kathy Griffin: My Life on the ___"
31. Mr. Horton's donut chain, endearingly
33. Canadian comedian Mr. Dee
34. Love: French
35. Sedimentary rock kind
37. Le ___ de Monte-Cristo
42. Bob Einstein's alter ego, Super Dave
44. For instances, for short
45. Greek alphabet's 17th letter
48. Actress Ms. Allen's
52. Bear, fancy-style
53. Civil Rights activist Ms. Parks, and namesakes
54. Mattress manufacturer
56. Basketball net
58. E-Mail subj. line directive
59. Caustic
60. Info, briefly
61. Spa mask ingredient
- 62 'Meth' suffix
63. Lion's offspring
64. Pac-12 sch.

7	1		2	
4		7	2	
5	6	9	2	
3		8	1	
2	3	7	9	
1		4		5
5		9	8	
6		4	9	



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